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CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

PEACE THROUGH CONFLICT

L. S. P.

The adverse winds blew against my life;
My little ship with grief was tossed;
My plans were gone—heart full of strife,
And all my hope seemed to be lost—
"Then He arose"—one word of peace.
"There was a calm"—a sweet release.

A tempest great of doubt and fear
Possessed my mind; no light was there
To guide, or make my vision clear.
Dark night! 'twas more than I could bear—
"Then He arose," I saw His face—
"There was a calm" filled with His grace.

My heart was sinking 'neath the wave
Of deepening test and raging grief;
All seemed as lost, and none could save,
And nothing could bring me relief—
"Then He arose"—and spoke one word,
"There was a calm!" It is the Lord.

—Selected.

THE GROUND OF

"Peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong."
Daniel 10:19.

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MATT. 28:19.

MARK 16:15

THE
Pillar

THE
TRUTH

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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NOTICE . . .

The Church of God at Dillon is on the air each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30, also each first Sunday from 11 a. m. to 12 noon, over radio station WDSC, Dillon, S. C. 800 on your dial. W. R. Craven, pastor, Box 573.

Requests for Prayer

Two special requests and that the Lord will give me spiritual strength.—Miss Reenie Owen, 554 Washington St., Atlanta, Georgia.

One very urgent request, the healing of my body, the healing of my sister's body, and two unspoken requests for my sister.—Mrs. W. D. Stiles, 3225 Virginia St., Miami 33, Fla.

The Lord to heal my mother's body.—Mrs. H. A. McKeller, Rt. 3, Donaldsonville, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body of arthritis and goiter and that I may have more faith; also, for a friend that has sugar diabetes. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Bovy Altizer, Slagle, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my throat and heart and that I will have more faith. I would appreciate letters.—Mrs. Della Faster, Keener, Ala.

My ten-year-old girl to be healed of epileptic fits, and my baby boy six weeks old that has a growth on his spine.—Mrs. Seth Walker, R. F. D. 1, Dardanelle, Ark.

The Lord to heal my brother, Cecil Lucas, of T. B. He is at the veterans Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Cards and letters of encouragement will be appreciated.—A. L. Robertson, 1503 Range St., Selma, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. George Gouger, Whiteside, Tenn.

The healing of my gums of infection, and the healing of my mother of diabetes and failing eyesight.—A sister in Christ, of Eldorado, Okla.

God to heal me.—Mrs. Katherine Stewart, Rt. 1, Bay Minette, Ala.

The salvation of a boy sixteen years old, and his healing of goiter and leakage of heart.—Della Steagall, 5935 Fellrath, Inkster, Mich.

The healing of Sister Joe Stafford,

Rt. 2, Talking Rock, Ga., of high blood and heart trouble. Encouragement appreciated.—Sister Young, Ranger, Ga.

God to heal me.—Robert Flowers, 303 Front St., Williamstown, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me.—Mrs. Mildred Carpenter, Rt. 1, Germantown, Ohio.

God to heal my body, and for a very special unspoken request.—W. M. Wadsworth, The How State Park, Albany, Ga.

The healing of my little girl's arm. It has been broken.—Mrs. T. O. Dennis, Bastian, Va.

The Lord to heal my mother, Mrs. A. W. Selvage, Rt. 1, Flat Rock, Ala.

An urgent request.—Sister Bessie Austin, 514 11th St., Albany, Ga.

R. S. Brown—a special request.—Ethyl Jackson, Bradford, Fla.

The healing of my body, the healing of Paul Hoontz, Rt. 2, Browns Summit, N. C., who has heart trouble; the healing of a friend, Mrs. Raymond Reid, Rt. 4, Lexington, N. C. She has been in bed five years with arthritis.—Mrs. Mildred Moners, Rt. 4, Lexington, N. C.

God to heal my son's body, and that we may know God's will concerning an important matter.—Ruby Edwards, Rt. 5, Sweetwater, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my little daughter. She has been crippled for sixteen months.—Eva Jones, Rt. 1, Salem, S. C.

My neighbor to be healed of cancer; also a special request.—Zona Britt, Byington, Tenn.

My sister-in-law whom the doctors have given up to die.—Mrs. Gilbert Turner, Rt. 1, Del Rio, Tenn.

God to heal my body.—M. A. Tate, E. Beckley, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Annie Mae True, Rt. 2, Sweetwater, Tenn.

God to heal me.—Rev. Lee Swinford.

DEATHS

HUFFSTUTLER

Raymond Huffstutler, aged nineteen years, was drowned on June 25, 1946. He was a true soldier of the cross and our loss is heaven's gain.—Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 74, Dade City, Fla.

CLAYTON

On March 22, 1946, the Lord saw fit to send His angels to take our beloved father and grandfather, Rev. L. S. Clayton, to that beautiful mansion in the sky, toward which he had worked in the service of his Lord for more than thirty years.

Rev. Clayton was a loyal member to his church. His ministry of praying for the sick and preaching the gospel in out-of-way places will long be remembered. Many of his converts are still living for God, and will have the pleasure of meeting him again, if they will be faithful.

Rev. Clayton was born August 4, 1875. He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in the city cemetery at Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Great was our sorrow to see him go, and our home seems empty, but we look forward to meeting him in that great mansion in the sky some day.—Miss Audie Fields, his granddaughter, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

HUGHES

Rev. A. R. Hughes, one of our hard-working and faithful ministers of the Church of God, was born October 11, 1888, and departed this life at the age of fifty-seven years eight months and three days.

Brother Hughes was licensed as an evangelist in the Church June 26, 1934, and was promoted to the office of bishop September 30, 1935. His lot seemed to be pastoring and working for the small under-paying churches, and he left several nice church buildings standing as monuments for his sacrifices and faithfulness. His last work here was that of manager of our large orphanage for boys, a work that was well performed until his failing health pressed him sorely and finally called him to stop, which is not a stop of works but a rest from labors. Rev. 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Brother Hughes leaves his widow, Mrs. Ada Hughes, two daughters, six sons, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss, but we weep not as those who have no hope.—An old acquaintance and friend, J. A. Muncy, Orphanage Superintendent.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Doctrinal Heresies of Apostasies

By Rev. Ed Cox

Text: Jude 11, "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core."

Jude here was painting a signboard to the people, warning them to steadfastness in "defense of the faith." He calls their attention to common salvation, and the faith which was once delivered unto the saints, ver. 3, and warns them of hurtful things which may creep in. He cries out with this text, "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain," etc. Cain went the route apart from the blood. He was willing to offer the material things, such as the fruit of the field, but God desired a "living sacrifice." Thus Abel did offer, and God had respect unto Abel and his offering. Gen. 4:3, 4.

There are many today following the way of Cain because of their leadership. If the leader has not had the blood applied to his life, he will teach his followers that it is foolishness to think of such. Verse 4 says, "... Who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men (not washed in the blood), turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Yes, the Apostle Paul said they were ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Tim. 3:7. They speak evil of dignities. They are as brute beasts in their knowledge, corrupting themselves. These are spots in your feasts of charity. Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; "trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead," yes, dead in sin, and dead in their aim. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. V. 19. Woe unto them!

Peter said these were "wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever," 2 Peter 2:17.

"They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate," Titus 1:16.

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be

turned unto fables," 2 Tim. 4:4. See 2 Peter 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:1-3.

Unchanged character may coexist with a changed form of manifestation in the blindness of men, but there is coming a day when every man's work will be tried as by fire. 1 Cor. 3:13. They teach heresies from their carnal mind. Col. 2:8, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy (worldly wisdom) and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Verse 18, "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." The 19th verse says, "And not holding the head"; i.e., he doesn't know Christ. He has no connection with spiritual things. He doesn't even know God in the free pardon of his sins. But he is ready to tell you that the Holy Ghost is not for us today, and that shouting is out of order; speaking in tongues is of the devil, etc. But woe unto him! said the text. They will not be reasoned out of their self-willed purpose, but persist in following their fleshly desires. They walk after the flesh, and not after the Spirit. Matt. 15:7-9, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips (lip service); but their heart is far from me; But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Disobedience may cloak itself in the guise of obedience, but it will be weighed in the balances and found wanting. Insincere repentance naturally passes over into presumptuous sin. The Israelites did so (Deut. 1:43-45), which is a type of modern religion today. They are presumptuously conceived; presumptuously prepared for; presumptuously persevered in; "straitened in their own bowels." 2 Cor. 6:11, 12.

"Woe unto them!" he continues, "for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished

in the gainsaying of Core."

The apostates of today, as well as those of ancient times, have "gone in the way of Cain." They have religion, but, like Cain's, it is bloodless. Cain is a type of the natural, unregenerated man who professes to be a Christian but rejects the atoning blood of Christ. All such have religion but not salvation!

Balaam is a type of the false minister who compromises the truth for money. He is willing and careful to speak smooth words and will prophesy falsely as long as purse-strings of the ungodly are being unloosed. He loves and takes the "wages of unrighteousness."

The sin of Korah (Core) was in rejecting God's appointed high priest and coming to God in his own name. See Num. 16:1-35.

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram were not priests. They had no right to come into the presence of God except through the priesthood of Aaron. But they ignored God's way and the intercession of Aaron, and brought strange fire before the Lord.

What was wrong about this? Aaron, in his priestly office, was a type of Him who was to come, even the Lord Jesus Christ, God's great High Priest. In refusing to come to God through the intercession of the high priest, Aaron, these men were rebelling against the High Priest who was to come.

Likewise, our modern apostates deny that the Lord Jesus Christ, as our great High Priest, offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice for our sins upon Calvary's cross, and having risen from the dead, is at the right hand of God the Father as our Intercessor. They are following in the way of Korah, and will perish as surely as he perished.

Jude told the early Church that these were "spots in your feasts." The original term here means "hidden rocks." How dangerous to the mariner are hidden rocks. They are not marked on the chart by which he steers his ship. They lie beneath the surface of the water.

Even so with the modernistic apostates of today. But with these wolves in sheeps clothing, it may be that when they lodge among us that we

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RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Scientific Testimony

The great Swiss naturalist, Prof. Louis Agassiz, professor at Harvard University, said, "I will frankly tell you that my experience in prolonged scientific investigations convinces me that a belief in God adds a wonderful stimulus to the man who attempts to penetrate into the regions of the unknown." All things were made by Him. John 1:3.

Gog and Magog

Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, Moscow and Tobolsk, in Ezek. 38:2, is Russia with her allies making ready for the day of invasion of Palestine. The end of these atheists is in view. "I am against thee . . . I will turn thee back, thus saith the Lord." Though Gog and her allies conspire together to carry out their policy of "evil thought" and anti-Christian outrages, God has said, "My fury shall come up in my face," Ezek. 38:18, and the fulfillment of verse 22 will fill the scene until God has laid bare His arm. This terrible Armageddon does not satisfy Gog's wicked heart. Though Gog and his hosts are defeated, and Satan will be bound a thousand years following Gog's defeat, these two forces—Satan and Gog—will finally lead another revolt against God and against the "camp of the saints." This last attack is not against mortal saints with a few allied nations; but in this last effort Gog will marshal together all his host from "the four quarters of the earth," not a few hordes from the north, but the number of whom will be as the sand of the sea, to make his final attack against the saints of God, who will be encamped in the beloved city. Rev. 20:9, "And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Here will end the fight of Communistic Russia inspired by Satan to oppose Christianity. The saints will not only be delivered but will also possess the kingdom. Dan. 7:14-18.

Indian Missions

Bishop Shot K. Mondol, of Hyderabad, in an address at Columbus, Ohio, before the Methodist Conference, stated that India is Christianity's

largest mission field. Christianity, he said, is a "builder and reconciler" between the warring 265 million Hindus and the 96 million Moslems.

"While there are but 8 to 10 million Christians in India," said the Indian church leader, "Christianity is no mere bird of passage. In no other country has the gospel spread so rapidly. What India needs is not religions, but religion; not gods, but God."

Stalin To Receive Bible

RNS gives us the very interesting news of a visit by Dr. Louie D. Newton, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, to Russia this month. He will present Premier Stalin with a specially printed Bible, inscribed with the words "from one Georgian to another," Stalin was born in that part of the Soviet Union known as "Georgia." The Bible printed by American Bible Society will be engraved with Stalin's name. Certain scriptural passages will be underlined by Dr. Newton with red ink.

Sin and Self

1. My sin troubleth me, Psa. 38:3.
2. The wounds sin has made stinketh both me and my neighbor, verse 5.
3. My heart panteth, verse 10.
4. My strength faileth, verse 10.
5. My friends forsaketh, verse 11.
6. My sorrow continueth, verse 7.
7. My Lord has promised help, verse 22.

Boring Within

An Associated Press report from Washington, dated July 11, stated that the House Committee on the Un-American activities said today that security officers at the Oak Ridge atomic bomb project "think that the peace and security of the United States is definitely in danger." Representative J. Parnell Thomas (Rep. New York), a member of the committee, gave the report to the House Rules Committee.

"The report said scientific societies with headquarters located 'inside the reservation at Oak Ridge' are 'very active in support of international civilian control of the manufacture of atomic materials' and 'the activities

of these societies are devoted to the creation of some form of world government.'

"These societies are very active in support of international civilian control of the manufacture of atomic materials.

"These societies are definitely opposed to army supervision at Oak Ridge and are just waiting for the day when military administration will be thrown out.

"The officers whose statements we have taken not only admit communication with persons outside of the United States, but in substance they say they intend to continue this practice.

"If jurisdiction and control of the Oak Ridge reservation passes into civilian hands, the political plans for exploiting the place are well advanced and there undoubtedly would be trouble in the reservation within six months."

Jacob's Trouble

The Jews have suffered tragically during the last war, at the hand of Hitler. These Jews, destitute of a place to call their home, clamor for a place in Palestine where they will be exploited and finally attacked by anti-christ. Thus, while they hope for deliverance by escaping to and rebuilding Palestine, it remains that they only gather there for the final stroke of Satan, at them, through anti-christ. Their house has been, and will continue desolate until they say, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

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THE MINISTER

His Work and the Bible

By REV. M. M. MORTENSON

JOURNALS, LETTERS, MEMOIRS AND DIARIES

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK on these things," Phil. 4:8.

I think we can not overemphasize the value of journals, letters, memoirs, and diaries, as well as famous speeches, to the minister. Take, for example, John Wesley's four-volume journal. No one but he who has read these volumes can understand the impact of Methodism on all England; nor can he imagine the glorious, oft-times startling, and offensive (to some) actions of convicted sinners in John Wesley's great outdoor congregations—falling down like dead; screaming, weeping, laughing, shouting, as the mighty preachers thundered forth their messages of repentance, salvation by grace through faith (not works), holiness, yes, perfection; while looked upon with scorn by the Church of England and bitterly opposed by her clergy. But God was with this man who said, "I look upon the whole world as my parish."

When I read these accounts I wonder what Methodism of this day would do if there should be a recurrence of such manifestations as were common in those days. Wesley did not escape his share of persecutions. Once encircled by an angry mob which cried out, "Away with him! Kill him at once!" he escaped with this much injury, according to his words. "By how gentle degrees does God prepare us for His will! Two years ago a brick grazed my shoulders. It was a year after that the stone struck me between the eyes. Last month I received one blow, and this evening, two; one before we came into the town, and one after we were gone out; but both were as nothing: for though one man struck me on the breast with all his might, and the other on the mouth with such force that the blood gushed out immediately, I felt no more pain from either of

the blows than if they had touched me with a straw."

Thank God for Aldersgate, and thank God for Azusa Street—or wherever the latter rain of the Spirit first fell! The Pentecostal people have had no persecutions compared to what Methodism had in England. The Methodists were very unpopular but they had the message for that day, and likewise we are, if the truth is wholly known, disliked in this day, but we have a message for this sick world.

The reason we read these records left for us is because there is a profound, inherent desire to know how other people lived. How they came, saw, suffered, wept, laughed, aspired, conquered, sinned, repented, and died. Here we get the more intimate experiences. This type of reading has been called, "Biography in Undress."

Who has not wept for sheer joy, upon reading the account of Helen Keller's struggle for education and enjoyment of life, against the odds of both blindness and deafness? Are the clouds dark and foreboding? Some time spent with "wonderful" Helen Keller brings us back thrilled at the chance of being alive and able to pursue our course for achievement.

Thinking of journals, there are some that should by all means be placed in our libraries, such as Wesley's, Livingstone's, Brainerd's, John Woolman's, Helen Keller's, and Amiel's. Any minister will cherish a copy of the memoir's of that consecrated preacher, McChesney. Grant's "Personal Memoirs" should also be mentioned.

It is significant that the great American poet, Edwin Markham, who claimed to know the contents of his 12,000 volume library, in naming ten most precious books, ones which he would wish to have on a desert island, Amiel's Journal was his second choice. Indeed, no one would want to be without this Journal when once he has tasted and seen that it is good. May I venture to quote what he said about hearing one, Adolphe Monod, preach

on "St. Paul or the Active Life"? "I felt the golden spell of eloquence: I found myself hanging on the lips of the orator, fascinated by his boldness, his grace, his energy, and his art, his sincerity and his talent; . . . he made St. Paul cry during an hour and a half; he made an old nurse of him; he hunted up his old cloak, his prescriptions of water and wine to Timothy, the canvas that he mended, his friend Tychicus—in short, all that could raise a smile; and from it he drew the most unflinching pathos, the most austere and penetrating lessons. He made the whole St. Paul, martyr, apostle, and man—his grief, his charities, his tenderness—live again before us, and this with a grandeur, an unction, a warmth of reality such as I have never seen equalled . . . Finally, as a peroration, he dwelt upon the necessity for a new people, for a stronger generation, if the world is to be saved from the tempests which threaten it. 'People of God, awake! Sow in tears, and ye may reap in triumph!' What a study is such a sermon! I felt all the extraordinary literary skill of it, while my eyes were still dim with tears. Diction, composition, similes—all is instructive and precious to remember. I was astonished, shaken, taken hold of."

What parent will ever forget the probing exactness with which he points out the proper training of a child, in his entry, 6th January 1853: "Self-government with tenderness—here you have the condition of all authority over children. The child must discover in us no passion, no weakness of which he can make use; he must feel powerless to deceive or to trouble us; then he will recognize in us his natural superiors, and he will attach a special value to our kindness, because he will respect it. The child who can rouse in us, anger, or impatience, or excitement, feels himself stronger than we, and a child only respects strength. The mother should consider herself as her child's sun, a changeless and ever-radiant world, whither the small restless creature, quick at tears and laughter, light, fickle, passionate, full of storms, may come for fresh stores of light, warmth, and electricity, of calm and of courage . . . If she is herself passionate, she will inculcate on her child a capricious and despotic God, or even several discordant gods. The religion of a child depends on what its mother and its father are, and not on what they say

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WORDS OF APPRECIATION

By E. J. BOEHMER, General Secretary

It was in the year 1910 that we received the light on the Church of God; fell in love with its teachings and became one of its members. Brother R. G. Spurling, who is now reaping the reward of his labors, set the work in order where we had conducted a revival, and licensed us as an evangelist in the Church of God. Early in the following year, we attended the first Assembly and were asked by its moderator to act as clerk, which position we held for a few years, or until we were promoted to the office we now hold.

As stated by us at our last Assembly, held at Sevierville, Tennessee, this year brings to a close our service for the Church as General Secretary, a work we have enjoyed and which has claimed the best years of our life. Our heart has been in the work and no efforts have been spared to render the kind of service the office demanded. Our help in the office has been of the best kind and their services have been much appreciated. We have worked together in unity and for the interest of the Church of God. The General and Assistant General Overseers, under whom we have served, have given us the best of cooperation, and they are due honor as brethren

who are filling responsible positions.

We have received and answered many letters, helped in making money entries on the cash sheets, have taken millions of dollars to the bank, and disbursed millions of dollars, by order of the various department heads. We have made many trips to the office and at times, because of heavy duties, have been forced to remain in the office until late hours of the night.

It will seem somewhat strange to us, after the Assembly, to not leave home at a few minutes before seven o'clock and make our way to the office; but when one passes the sixty-fifth milestone, which we will do on the 20th of this month, if the Good Master will permit, one does not possess the energy and stamina that is needed to carry on in work of this nature. It is not our purpose to slacken our pace in the service of the Lord. We still have a deep desire to continue in prayer and do as much preaching as our health will permit.

We are not able to tell the membership of the Church at large how much we have enjoyed your prayers and cooperation, and we know you will do the same for the one who may succeed us in this office.

Affectionately.

am come in my Father's name." His Father's name is God and Jesus purchased the Church, so it must be the Church of God.

Paul was a persecuter of the Church of God, but when God removed the scales from his eyes, he said, in Gal. 1:13, "Beyond measure I persecuted the Church of God and wasted it." In Acts 8:3, he said he made havoc of the church. In Gal. 1:23, we notice where he was preaching the same faith that he once destroyed. Then Paul said in Gal. 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." So, according to the Bible, Paul was a Church of God preacher. He said in Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." 1 Cor. 15:9, "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God."

My dear friends, I, the writer of this message, feel that I am the least minister in the entire Church of God because once I persecuted the Church of God and wasted it, but one day God removed the scales from my blinded eyes and now, with God being my Helper, I am preaching the gospel that I once destroyed. So, my dear friend, don't be confused about how old the Church of God is. Just read Acts 20:28.

How Old Is the Church of God?

REV. C. W. BARNES

This is a question that has been asked many times by different people. How old is the Church of God? Where did it come from and where did it get started? The age of the Church of God is found in Acts 20:28 where Jesus purchased the Church of God with His own blood. So according to the Bible, the Church of God must be around two thousand years old.

When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, led to Pilate's hall, sentenced to die, led up Calvary's mountain, and nailed to the cruel cross, He was pierced in the side by an enemy's sword, and His precious blood ran down on the cold ground to purchase the Church of God. Oh, praise his name! Doesn't that make you love Him more each day? Doesn't that make you love the Church of God and make you want to do more for it?

Some people seem to think the

Church of God came out of a back alley or a swamp or a hillside, but thanks be unto God, it was purchased by the blood of the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. If this pleasure-seeking, deceived, blinded generation would search the Scriptures as Jesus said in John 5:39, and study to show themselves approved as Paul said in 2 Tim. 2:15, they would know more about the Church of God.

Many say that all organizations are the Church of God. Well, if that's the case, why not call them the Church of God? Jesus said in Mark 8:38, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." In John 5:43 Jesus said, "I

Encouragement for the Afflicted

CRANE, Mo.—I would like very much to give a bit of encouragement to the shut-ins and afflicted, to trust God for healing.

I had gallstones and had been a real shut-in for over thirteen years. The affliction would seem to be getting well, just to return. I asked God to heal me, and also requested prayer of churches. I received an anointed handkerchief and placed it on my body and the affliction hasn't bothered me since. I thank God for His healing power and praise His blessed name. I thank all who sent prayer to the throne of God in my behalf. I have been able to get others to trust God for healing, also. I live a Christian life and feel that I am in the will of God. I pray that this testimony will help someone else trust God for healing.—Miss Audrey Mitchell.

pray for a sister who was sick. She had been in bed since May. The Lord healed her. She is able to walk about some now. We surely do praise God for our good pastor, Brother Clayton Towns, and his good wife. They were good help in the revival. We are looking for Brother W. J. Coody back in October for another revival. Pray that God will continue to bless at Vaughns Chapel.—Mrs. J. L. Best, Rt. 1.

God's Power To Heal

BENNDALE, Miss.—I was struck with an awful hurting in my right side, and after suffering for several days, I was carried to the hospital. The doctor said I would need an operation right away, and would not let me come back home. He set three different dates to operate, but every time something happened to keep the operation from being performed. Thank God.

I had been praying for God to heal my body, and on the last day, he had set for me to be operated on, I heard a voice say, "Go home, you won't have to be operated on." Praise God. When the doctor came back to my room, he said I could go home for three weeks, and come back for an operation, so I came home the next day. A revival soon started at the Church of God close to my home. I went to the altar for prayer. The Lord healed me completely. Praise His name.

Please pray for me to get the Holy Ghost.—Versie Fairley, clerk, Benn-dale, Miss.

A Brief Summary of the Year's Work

AUGUSTA, Georgia—Our church was left in good financial condition by our former pastor, Brother D. T. Toler, with all bills paid on the church and parsonage.

Brother Max L. Atkins came from Blacksburg, South Carolina, to pastor. Brother Atkins was a stranger to most of the people but soon became acquainted. He and his good wife won their way into the hearts of all. Brother Atkins held our first revival of the year, next Brother Ray, of Buford, Georgia; then Brother Phillips, of Hemphill Church; then Brother T. S. Payne held one week of the Bible lectures, which was great. We plan to continue our Bible conference each year. Any church would do well to get Brother Payne for a church school. Our most recent revival was conducted by Sister Chambers, of Black Mountain, North Carolina. Brother S.

C. Chambers came and conducted a revival in another part of town and helped open up our first mission. Brother Harry Henderson came to pastor the mission.

In all the regular church services, we have had fifty-three additions to the church this year; very few transfers from other churches.

Our Sunday School has had a steady increase all the year. June of this year was our greatest month in Sunday School, with an all-time high-record attendance of 233. The average for the month was 175.

Our finance has been good for the year. The pastor's salary has been

paid in full and the church also contributed to a mission pastor's salary each week, and has a very nice surplus in the treasury.

We have had a very nice year under the pastorship of Brother Atkins. He has worked hard and is a man of great influence. Many people have attended church this year that never came before. The church has showed its appreciation in calling him for another year.

Many thanks to the churches at Buford, Georgia; Atlanta, Georgia; and Black Mountain, North Carolina, for loaning us their pastors for these revivals.—T. D. Brogdan.

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REPORTS... *From the Field*

A Great Refreshing

MASSILLON, Ohio—The Lord is certainly blessing the Church of God here in this city. In our last revival, conducted by the writer, there was a great manifestation of the Holy Ghost. Some nights the Holy Ghost took complete charge. In this four weeks of revival, there were four saved, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We took two new members into the church.

The revival campaign may have closed, but we still have a revival spirit in our midst. On Sunday night, July 14, the Lord certainly visited us. One was definitely reclaimed and the Holy Ghost spoke mightily through several. On Sunday evening, July 21, the Holy Ghost came down and completely charged our presence with His power. There was no chance for the pastor to preach. Oh, how God did bless souls by this refreshing. The Holy Ghost moved on everyone and spoke through a goodly number. There was shouting, speaking in tongues and praising God. Two were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The church here is in need of a good building, as it is worshiping in a second-floor room downtown. We have a good group of saints and a good start on a building fund. We are praying for God to give us a building before winter comes. Pray for the church in Massillon.—Wiley W. Miller, pastor, Box 329.

A Great Day in Cawood

CAWOOD, Ky.—A great day was enjoyed Sunday, July 28, by the largest gathering we have ever had in Cawood. A good dinner was served in the basement of our new church building. There were hundreds of people present. Our good brothers and friends from different churches were here. Our good and faithful brother and state overseer, E. W. Williams, was with us and brought an inspiring message which was enjoyed by all. Some of the pastors from other churches were: Brother Harrawood, Brother Mickler, Brother Car, Brother Richardson, Brother Levi Henson, Brother J. Richards, Brother Robbins,

Brother Morgan, Brother Short.

Just before dinner was served, an offering was lifted for the building fund, which was \$568.55. We want to thank everyone who gave to this good cause. Through the help and hard work of our dear and beloved pastor, Brother B. H. Enix, we will have one of the best buildings anywhere. He has labored and toiled, prayed and cried. He has done everything to make this building the best. It is a two-story block building, of which we are very proud. We have one of the best L. W. W. B.'s anywhere. Sister Mae Haynes is our president. She gives her full time to the work. With the help of the other sisters, we keep a good treasure. I don't know how we could get along without it. Brother Enix stays on the job from early until late. He is loved by all who know him. We hope and pray God will send him back another year.

We want to invite everyone to visit us and see for yourself what a fine building and pastor we have. We have a wonderful community in which to live. We covet your prayers.—Sister Bertha Walder, reporter.

Great Revival

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—One of the greatest revivals the Church of God at Lenoir City has ever known, has just come to a close. It lasted four weeks, with our pastor doing the preaching, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Many nights no preaching was needed, for the Holy Ghost had charge, messages being given and interpreted. The church has been greatly blessed and members drawn closer to God by this revival, as well as a number being saved. Several were sanctified, sixteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church. Truly we were made to sit in heavenly places as our souls were blessed night after night by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. After the second week, the baptismal service was held, followed by sacrament and feet washing, with almost two hundred taking part. The Lord blessed in such a way that Brother Newman felt led to carry on

the services and the meeting lasted two weeks longer. Large crowds attended each night.

We also have large crowds at our regular services, with souls being saved and new ones coming to the altar. God meets with us in each service and we feel that the end is not yet, for the revival spirit is still on the church. We all have a mind to work for God and His cause more than ever before. Brother Newman has not only been a blessing to the church, but to the whole town. He and his good wife are faithful to visit in homes and help in time of sickness or sorrow that so often comes into many homes. They have proved a great blessing to many and their hearts are in the work of the Lord and upbuilding of His cause. Their children are also a blessing to our young people in the church. We just hope they can stay with us until Jesus comes or calls for them. Brother Newman has done a great work by his preaching on the street each week. Many have seen the light on living free from sin, through these services. I feel more encouraged than ever before to work for God.

Pray for the church at Lenoir City, that it will rise and shine for the glory of God. Pray for me, that I will ever do His will and be ready when He comes or calls for me.—Yours in Christ, Mrs. Mattie Amos.

God Has Blessed in the Great Northwest

LEWISTON, Idaho—Greetings in Jesus' name from the great Northwest. We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us this year. We have our new church building completed, for which we thank the Lord. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. C. L. Spoon, and family. It is by the help of the Lord and through the faith Brother Spoon had that we have a new church. The old devil tried to stop us, but Brother Spoon went ahead in spite of the devil. He built it almost alone. People marveled at how it was finished so soon. Brother Spoon worked all day in a barber shop, and then worked every night on the church. If Brother Spoon doesn't come back, it will be a great loss to the church here in Lewiston.

When Brother Spoon came here, the actual value of the church property was \$500, now it is worth \$10,000—a nice church building, full-sized basement, five Sunday School rooms; also

a nicely furnished parsonage, with two and one-half acres of land on which there are all kinds of berries, besides two or three other different kinds of fruit.

We all love our pastor and his family. He preaches old-time holiness, and produces the fruit of the Spirit.
—Frank Woods, clerk, P. O. Box 17.

God Is Doing Great Things for Us

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—We praise the Lord for what He is doing for us in Chillicothe. We have just closed a two weeks' revival, with Brother George Carr, of Kansas City, Kans., as evangelist. Brother Carr preached the gospel in the old-fashioned way, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed from the start to the close of the meeting, with many in the altar seeking God. There were fifteen saved, five sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, ten added to the church, and nine baptized in water.

We also want to praise God for the way He undertook for us in getting a place to move to in this town. When we were appointed to Chillicothe, we made our first trip here after driving about 240 miles from St. Louis. We found a beautiful little city of about 10,000 people, and were informed by some of the brethren, also by the rental agencies, that it was almost impossible to rent a house at the time, so one agency wanted to sell us a house for a parsonage. He showed me a ten-room brick, just two blocks from the courthouse square, in a nice, clean residential district, yet in one block of the business district. He said we could buy it for \$500 down. But we found that the church did not have one dollar on a building fund, so we asked the realtor if he knew where we could borrow \$500 to make the down payment. He said yes, give him about two hours, and he came back and said he was borrowing the money from the man we were buying the house from, to make himself a down payment on the house. So, in a few hours he had the papers ready and we had our trustees ready and the trade was finished. The parsonage is modern, ten rooms, two baths and a nice, shady yard. The Willing Workers' Band is taking care of the payments on the \$500 loan in double quick time. We expect to have it all paid off by the first of the year. We have five rooms of the parsonage rented out, bringing

in \$70 a month, which takes care of the regular payments on the house, also the water, light and gas bills, and some redecorating of the house. The church in Chillicothe now has property valued at \$7,500 and only owes about \$3,200 balance on it.

Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. attendance has increased quite a lot and our regular services are well-attended. We are giving God the praise for all that has been accomplished. Pray for the Lord to continue to bless His people here.—John O. Yates, pastor, 903 Locust.

Church of God at Hazlehurst, Ga.

We are so thankful for God's continued blessings on our church here, we just have to tell it.

We still love and appreciate our pastor, Brother Tommie Harper, and Sister Harper and their work, and as an evidence of this statement, on our "call Sunday" several weeks ago, Brother Harper received every vote. Brother Beaube came on the following Wednesday to check the votes, and gave us this report, and with a smile stated that if Brother Harper did not stay with us, the blame would be on him. As we have previously told you, soon after Brother Harper came to this work, he was instrumental in building a nice parsonage. We told him then that we were going to keep him in it for ten years, and at the expiration of that term, renew the

"sentence" for ten more years, so he need not try to get away from us!

God has blessed his work in a marvelous way, both spiritually and financially. Souls are being saved all along, the congregations large at all services, and the Sunday School increasing all the time. On Sunday, July 28, we had 106; the financial obligations are always up right on time. Tithes are increasing right along, and we feel that these are strong evidences that Brother Harper is God's man for the Church of God at Hazlehurst. He and his family have the love and confidence of our community in general, and while our membership is small, our church is always filled. We "praise God from whom all blessings flow."—Hope Jordan, chairman, Reporting Committee.

The Lord Blessing Our Y.P.E.

CLINTON, S. C.—We want to sound a few words of praise for the wonderful way the Lord is blessing our Y.P.E. here in Clinton. The spiritual side as well as the financial is growing and we are having good services. When this Assembly year began, we had only about three young people who were Christians, but God has gloriously saved several since that time, and we are thankful for the increase.

We want to say also, our pastor, Brother Henry Brewer, has worked faithfully for the young people.
—Secretary-Treasurer Y.P.E., Miss Ruby Kimbrough.

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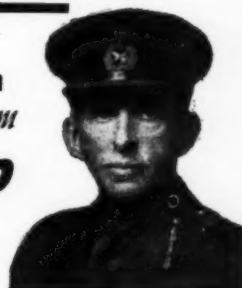
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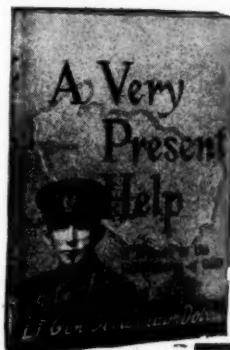
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THE MINISTER'S PAGE

Journals, Letters, Memoirs and Diaries
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... The child sees what we are, behind what we wish to be. Hence his reputation as a physiognomist . . . This is why the first principle of education is: Train yourself; and the first rule to follow if you wish to possess your self of a child's will is: Master your own." I have quoted too lengthily, and given but a scant hint of the greatness of this unique journal.

The Diary of Samuel Pepys, which took Professor John Smith three years to decode, tells all of the corruption and evil of that age in England. The intimate details were set down because it was written with no thought for publication. While we are to be occupied in mind by the pure, it is still pertinent that we know at least the evils with which our age is fraught.

In the field of literature, we must not overlook the importance of letters. Perhaps our choice would include "The Paston Letters," Dostoevsky's, Lamb's, Browning's and Barrett's, Stevenson's, Thoreau's, Lincoln's "Speeches and Letters", Grenfell's "Forty Years for Labrador," Lord Chesterfield's "Letters to His Son," and others as interest would demand them. In Lord Chesterfield's "Letters to His Son," there is to be found the most excellent advice to any professional person.—"Dispatch is the soul of business." "Never read history without having maps, and a chronological book, or tables, lying by you, and constantly referred to; without which history is only confused heaps of facts."

The inspiration, and help that these sources will supply is incalculable! It remains for each one, the privilege to avail himself of this rich heritage of literature.

THE RESURRECTION

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steal Him away and declare Him risen from the grave (for He had said that on the third day He would rise again), they set a watch of soldiers to keep anyone from removing His body from the tomb. But, hearken, what do you hear? Just at daybreak an angel came and rolled the stone away from the entrance of the tomb, for the noise it caused by its removal cast a shadow between the soldiers and the tomb, a deep sleep came upon the watch,

there was a great moaning as the seal was broken, and the stone was rolled away.

It seems to me there must have been an awful mist over the place as the Son of God burst forth from that tomb. This was the resurrection of our Christ from the grave, and now He had conquered sin, death, and the grave. If it were not for this resurrection, there could be no hope for us of ever entering heaven. But thanks be unto God, we have the assurance in God's Holy Book that we will some day be resurrected, too. It is this hope that compels us to serve and obey the Lord. Well, hallelujah! I am waiting and hoping for that day to come when Christ shall descend with a great shout, and I expect to "meet him in the air," and so shall I ever be with the Lord, when all His bride shall be gathered together to the spot where He ascended into heaven. Won't that be a blessed time for all His saints. Are you in the bride? Let us pray that the second coming of Christ will soon be here. Amen!

DOCTRINAL HERESIES OF APOSTASIES

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can unload them before we lose our ship. They are hidden among the religions of the world in the "name of the church." They profess to be what they are not. They are in the pulpits and pose as ministers of the Christ, and they speak of Jesus Christ, and God, and prayer, and the Bible, while denying every essential and revealed doctrine of the divine plan of redemption. They are twice dead—dead in sin, dead in their aim; i. e., set in their own views. Straitened in their bowels. Twice dead! Yes, no fruit, no leaves, no sap. They have lost fruit, leaves, and sap; no spring for them. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain.

The Judaizers in the early Church age tried to enter in with their hurtful heresies. Acts 15:1, 24; Gal. 2:4; 6:12.

If we are to keep the law in any part, inasmuch even as to observe Saturday for the Sabbath, I would like to have a few questions answered by the Judaizers as follows:

Where is the proof that any man ever kept the seventh day, except by special commandments prior to the proclamation of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai? Gen. 2:2, 3; Exod. 16:1-30; 20:1-17.

If Christians are required to keep

the seventh day, why do you depart from your house on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do so? Exod. 16:29.

If you keep one Sabbath Day—the seventh day—why not keep them all—the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized you to make distinction in favor of the seventh day? Lev. 25:1-22.

If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are they to live in cold climates? Exod. 35:1-3.

Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who break the Sabbath Day? Num. 15:32-36. If "yes," who will be the public executioner? If "no," what will you do with the law? Exod. 35:2. If you say that the penalties are abolished, I answer that the same scriptures that you use to establish this prove without a shadow of doubt that the law, too, is abolished. If you admit that the penalties are still in force, and you don't carry them out, there is not a Sabbath-keeper on top of the green earth who can escape the vengeance of the broken law!

If Christians are to observe the seventh day, why did Jesus declare that all law and prophecy hang on love instead of the Sabbath, seeing the command to keep the Sabbath is the one on which you hang your everlasting all? Matt. 22:34-40; Rom. 13:8-10.

Why did Jesus not require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? Matt. 19:16-20; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-24.

If Christians are to keep the law of Moses—the Sabbath—why did the apostles and elders who met at Jerusalem leave it out of their address to the churches? Acts 15:1-29. This case finds, in some respects, a parallel in your theorizing that Judaizing teachers had gone forth declaring to the brethren that unless they would submit to circumcision and keep the law of Moses, they could not be saved. The apostles said, "We gave no such commandment." V. 24.

If Christians are to keep the Sabbath, how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus who is our example, unless by saying that the power that made the law can take it away, and that He did it? Matt. 12:1-8; John 7:22-24.

If you keep the Sabbath because, as you think, it was kept before the law of Moses, why don't you practice cir-

cumcision, seeing that it was plainly commanded in those ages? Gen. 17:1-14; Gal. 5:2-4, 16.

When did patriarch, prophet, apostle, or anybody else command any Gentile to keep the law of Moses? No dodging here. Give me chapter and verse, please!

Paul says the ministration of death written and engraved in stone (Exod. 20:1-17; 31:18; 32:15, 16; 34:1-28) was done away (2 Cor. 3:1-18). When, where, and by whom was it brought back into force? Name the day, the age, the authority, and give proof from the Book. If your doctrine is true, the great apostle of the Gentiles stands convicted of a false report.

If the early Christians kept the Sabbath Day, why did they break bread on the "first day of the week"? Acts 20:7.

If Christians are to keep the Sabbath Day, how do you account for the fact that the apostles preached the gospel in Jerusalem, Samaria, and to Cornelius, the Gentile, without commanding a single individual to keep it? Did they, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, fail to properly instruct their converts? Acts 2:1-47; 8:1-10; 10:1-48; 16:1-40. Is it not a fact, according to the book of Acts, that the thing done was of more importance than the day? Acts 20:7.

Do you keep the Sabbath Day? No dodging; do you? Do you rest, or put in the day "promulgating your doctrine"? Do you not eat food on that day prepared by work on a fire kindled in violation of the law? Exod. 20:8-11; 35:1-3. Do you offer the burnt offerings required by law? Num. 28:3-10. Do you remain in your house during that day? Exod. 16:29. If you do not keep the Sabbath according to the law, you do not keep it at all. If you admit that any part of the law concerning the Sabbath is done away, your course ends up with a conclusion that it is all done away. If you deny that any part of it is done away, you condemn yourself, for you do not keep it. Which way will you take?

Why do you insist on keeping the Sabbath when the Old Testament plainly prophesied that God would cause the "Sabbath" to cease? Hosea 2:11. Are you not fighting God when you try to keep from ceasing what God said He would make to cease?

Why do you not observe the feast days and new moons and solemn feasts of the Jews, such as Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles, if you ob-

serve the Sabbath? for God said the Sabbath should "cease" when those other Jewish days ceased. Hosea 2:11.

Was not the immediate change from seventh day to the "first day" the "Lord's doing" and "marvelous in our eyes," as God said it would be in Psa. 118:23, 24?

Is not the Sabbath—the seventh day, the day of worship of an accursed people, and a desolate hope? (Gal. 3:10; Matt. 23:38.)

Did not the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and the descent of the Holy Ghost both occur on Sunday—the first day of the week? And if so, are not an "empty tomb" and the filling of the Holy Ghost the two most profound causes of joy in all time? Since both of these occurred in the "fullness of time" on the first day of the week, are they not infallible proofs that the Lord's Day is the day the Lord made for His people to rejoice

and be glad in? Psa. 118:24. Selah!!!
"Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain."

Wonderful Revival at Glassy Mt.

GLASSY MT., S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at the Church of God at Glassy Mt., conducted by Brother and Sister Cleamon Allen. They both did some good preaching and are both good singers. He plays the guitar. There were six saved and two sanctified. We hope Brother and Sister Allen can come to visit us again. The members were greatly blessed and backsliders came back to the Lord. Every service was filled with God's blessings. We appreciate our pastor, Brother P. W. Edwards. He is doing a good work here. —Mrs. Bessie Gosnell, Travelers Rest, S. C.

CONTINUING TO PROGRESS



Church of God Sunday School, New Castle, Indiana.

This is the Sunday School group taken May 19, 1946. We had 100 in attendance on that day. Our Sunday School has had a continual gain in attendance for the last few months. It is continuing to make progress and is taking a nice stand in the eyes of the community. We are expecting to have even better gains next year, by the help of the Lord.

We surely do thank the Lord for our fine pastor, Brother Fred Puckett, and his family, who have been labor-

ing with us for the past two years. The Lord has blessed in every department of the church and we find that they are more than willing to do their share in any way they can to help us have a greater desire to serve the Lord and see many souls saved for Him.

Pray for us, that we may be able to do more in the coming months than ever before, in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.—Sister Joyce Wolf.

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